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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIXON' S LETTER TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON DATED JUNE 22, 1973 AND DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE LETTER BUT NO OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE BY GOL.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS YOU DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES, MRS. NIXON AND I WANT TO SAY ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH WE ENJOYED HAVING YOU AND MRS. TOLBERT VISIT IN WASHINGTON. THE HISTORIC BOND BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS HAS BEEN RENEWED BY YOUR JOURNEY.

I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY YOUR PLANS FOR MEETING THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF YOUR NATION' S MORE ISOLATED AREAS THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED THAT WE CAN ASSIST THIS NEW THRUST IN YOUR DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE COMBINED PROGRAMS OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM, AND THE PEACE CORPS. EXPENDI-  
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TURES UNDER THESE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR COUNTRY ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM THE 17.3 MILLION DOLLARS PROVIDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1972 TO OVER 23 MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THIS LATTER AMOUNT INCLUDES THE 5 MILLION DOLLAR HOUSING PROGRAM AND THE 8.5 MILLION DOLLAR TELECOMMUNICATION EXPANSION PROGRAM WHICH WERE APPROVED

DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR VISIT.

TO GIVE CONTINUED RECOGNITION TO OUR COMMITMENT TO LIBERIA'S EFFORTS AT RURAL DEVELOPMENT, I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR MANFULL TO GIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION AND TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR RURAL HOSPITALS AND DEVELOPING A MEDICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM WHICH FITS WITHIN THE CONCEPTS OF YOUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM;

STRENGTHENING PLANNED SUPPORT OF THE LIBERIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SO THAT IT CAN HELP TRAIN THE ADMINISTRATORS NEEDED FOR YOUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS;

CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL ROADS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE ROADS FROM BOPOLLO TO BELLA YELLA, FROM BELLA YELLA TO ZORZOR, AND FROM BUCHANAN TO RIVER CESS, FOR WHICH FEASIBILITY STUDIES WILL BE UNDERWAY SHORTLY;

DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE ECONOMIC BASIS FOR VIABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES;

SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT TO UNDERTAKE OVERALL STUDIES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN LOFA AND BONG COUNTIES, AND DETERMINING AT THE EARLIEST TIME THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CAN HELP TO REALIZE THESE PROGRAMS.

YOU TAKE WITH YOU ON YOUR DEPARTURE FROM OUR SHORES, MR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT, THE PERSONAL BEST WISHES OF MRS. NIXON AND MYSELF, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON.  
UNQUOTE.  
ROGERS

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